The M. S. Road.

136 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the contractors entrusted with the work of concreting the M. S. Road have stated definitely in their agreement that they will receive the contract amount in a lump;

(*b*) whether they applied for any part payment afterwards; and

(*c*) what is the amount given to them up-to-date?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 6,51,063.

Special Police.

157 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of special police employed by Government up-to-date;

(*b*) the total number retained now;

(*c*) the work they are deputed to do; and

(*d*) the amount of money spent on them up-to-date?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): (*a*) 1,397.

(*b*) 764, on 1-12-1115.

(*c*) To help the regular Police in their work.

(*d*) Rs. 1,24,260-15-4 up to the end of Edavom 1115.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of the work that is excepted of them?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, this question of special police is often cropping up like the head of Charles I. So I request permission to make a brief statement about it.

PRESIDENT: No. What was the question, please?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of the work that is expected of the special police?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The special police are usually employed on both preventive and detective work. On the preventive side, they go about patrolling on beat work, check the K. Ds., suspects bad characters and suspicious strangers. On the side of detection, I may assure the honourable member as well as the House that they have done much good work. They have given very valuable information and several of the special constables have been rewarded and promoted. On the side of intelligence work also they have done very well. I believe the honourable House may be aware of the fifth column activities in and outside the State and these men have very well acted as our sixth column, as a set off against the fifth column

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will address the Chair.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Some members say that they do not hear the answers given from this side of the House and hence my turning to the members, Sir.

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PRESIDENT: By "addressing the Chair" is not meant turning to the Chair. Honourable members, when they are answering a question put by any member, are always supposed to be addressing their remarks to the Chair. Wherever they may turn their faces, their remarks should be addressed to the Chair.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Thanks, Sir. What I was saying was there are echoes from the other side of the Ghats even now supporting the fifth column activities. In Travancore, politics is.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will answer the question.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I am narrating the duties of the special police in reply to a question put to me from the other side of the House.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: The honourable member is making a speech, Sir.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: As for that matter, everything is a speech. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: Order, order,

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, the heavy weight champion of Travancore politics at one time....

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will answer the question.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, the constables belonging to the special police are very useful to us, as I just now described to the House, both in the matter of detecting and preventing crimes. In intelligence work also, they have proved useful.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know whether they have jurisdiction independent of the ordinary police?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Not at all, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether any of them were punished for criminal action before they were appointed to this special work?

KHAN BHAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I have not gone into that question. I shall certainly go into that matter. But I know of one case. One Nair constable in the special police who was subsequently found to have had a previous conviction, risked his life in arresting at Chengannoor one Samuel alias Nityananda, an armed proclaimed offender in the Chengannoor case. I came to know subsequently that that special constable had a previous punishment. In spite of it, I have given him an appointment for his heroic act.

MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN: സാമുവൽ കേസിൽ എന്തു പേരെ പ്രതിയാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. M SIVATHANU PILLAI: On a point of order, Sir. Are we concerned with the Chengannoor case now?

PRESIDENT: Probably with reference to the name mentioned by the Inspector General, the member is putting a question.

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MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN: That is why I put that question, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Is there any question about the Chengannoor case in the question paper?

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: The Inspecter-General of Police made a reference to the arrest of one offender in the course of the answer.

PRESIDENT: Was one Samuel involved in that case?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Is it as a representative of Chengannoor that the honourable member is referring to it?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I know the matter, Sir.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member Mr. Kochuthommen will realise that the question now agitating the House is about the special police and therefore the fortunes of the Chengannoor case are not strictly relevant.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: സ്പെഷ്യൽ പൊലീസിലുള്ള വർ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ വീട്ടിൽ ചെന്ന് വെള്ളംകോരുകയും കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന എന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Possibly because the Inspectors may like these constables doing so. That is outside their duty.

MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN: സാമുവൽ കേസിൽ എത്ര പേരെ ചാർജ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, on a point of order. That case is *sub judice*.

PRESIDENT: Then, it is open to the Inspector-General to answer accordingly.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The case is *sub judice*. But I may say that there are a number of accuseds in that case.

MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN: അവർ ആരെല്ലാം എന്നു ദയവുചെയ്തു പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member may make himself acquainted with that fact from a reference to the papers if and when they become available.

MR. M. G. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know who that champion referred to is?

PRESIDENT: Both the question and the answer are out of order.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that most of the people in the special police have become a menace to the peace and public tranquillity in the land?

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